



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Notice of Proposed Action

August 23, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes.

The Administrator has received a complete application for water pollution control discharge permit #NEV2006513 from the following applicant:

White Pine Energy Associates, LLC  
400 Chesterfield Center, Suite 110  
St. Louis, Missouri 63017

White Pine Energy Associates, LLC (WPEA) proposes to operate the White Pine Energy Station, which will be a coal fired electric generating facility of up to a nominal 1,600 megawatts, to be located in White Pine County approximately 33 miles north of Ely, Nevada. WPEA has applied for a discharge permit for a double lined evaporation pond which will receive discharges of non contact cooling water and other facility generated wastestreams. The Permittee will be required to monitor the quality of wastewater in the ponds and the groundwater to ensure that the waters of the State are not adversely impacted. The proposed permit will be for a five (5) year term.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication, by September 30, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

All comments or objections received within thirty (30) days will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Icyll Mulligan of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at 775.687.9432. Copies of this document and the Fact Sheet may be printed from the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.